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AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD ARMSTRONG

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2 I, Gerald Armstrong, hereby state under the pains and
3 penalties of perjury that I have personal knowledge and/or infor-
4 mation and belief as to the following:

5 1. I am a Canadian citizen and a resident of
6 California, U.S.A. I have been involved with Scientology since
7 1969, and was a member of the personal staff of L. Ron Hubbard,
8 founder and supreme director of Scientology, in 1975, 1976 and
9 1979 through 1981.

10 2. Throughout 1980 and 1981 I was engaged in re-
11 searching the life of L. Ron Hubbard for a biography being
12 written about him. I became familiar with Mr. Hubbard's actual
13 past, credentials, accomplishments, and the antecedents and early
14 years of Dianetics and Scientology. Through my years as a staff
15 member in Scientology, involvement with the various organizations
16 and direct contact with L. Ron Hubbard I became familiar with the
17 organization's and Mr. Hubbard's policies and practices.

18 3. In the course of the biography research I assem-
19 bled a great deal of documentation about Mr. Hubbard, including
20 his personal archives. The documentation, much of it in Mr.
21 Hubbard's own handwriting, shows that he has continually lied and
22 misrepresented his past and accomplishments. The documentation
23 also shows that Mr. Hubbard has deliberately lied in order to
24 entice people into Scientology and control them once inside the
25 group. All people in Scientology organizations have been lied to
26 and continue to be lied to by Mr. Hubbard and his personal repre-
27 sentatives.

28 4. It was largely my discovery of many of the lies

1 and misrepresentations written and disseminated by L. Ron Hubbard
2 which caused me to leave the Scientology organization and Mr.
3 Hubbard's staff in December 1981. Mr. Hubbard claimed to be a
4 graduate of George Washington University, and an atomic
5 physicist. The fact is he completed only one year of college and
6 failed the one course in nuclear physics in which he enrolled.
7 He claimed to be a much decorated war hero and commander of a
8 squadron of corvettes during the Second World War. He even had
9 his public relations representatives print and distribute among
10 Scientologists color photographs of the "21 medals and palms" he
11 was awarded, including the "purple heart," a medal given to U.S.
12 military personnel wounded in action. The fact is he never
13 commanded a corvette squadron, never saw action and was never
14 wounded. He received four standard service medals and no purple
15 heart. He claimed to have been crippled and blinded in the war
16 and to have cured himself with Dianetics techniques he was
17 developing. The fact is he was never crippled during the war and
18 never blinded. He claims that Scientology is an honest religion
19 which orginated when its members decided to become a church. The
20 fact is he set Scientology up himself as a "religion" to avoid
21 taxes, to escape investigation into his unethical practices, to
22 achieve absolute control of people who wished to practice
23 Dianetics techniques, and to make a great deal of money for
24 himself. Mr. Hubbard has claimed that he was sent by U.S. Naval
25 Intelligence to break up a black magic ring in California after
26 the Second World War. The fact is he was a member of this occult
27 group and practiced ritual sexual magic in this group, the leader
28 of which was Aleister Crowley. Mr. Hubbard claims that it is a

1 matter of medical record that he was twice pronounced dead. He
2 was never, even once, pronounced dead medically. He claims
3 publicly that he does not make any money from Scientology. The
4 fact is he has made many millions of dollars illegally, from
5 Scientology, and to this day retains absolute control of all
6 Scientology funds.

7 5. One of the tragedies of Scientology is that decent
8 people who enter Scientology in a search for truth are
9 maliciously duped by L. Ron Hubbard with these and other lies
10 into defending the very falsehoods which dupe them. Most people
11 inside Scientology are never told the truth about L. Ron Hubbard,
12 but are told that those people seeking to bring to light the
13 facts are making up lies. Also people who seek to learn the
14 truth about L. Ron Hubbard and the organization are ruthlessly
15 attacked by the intelligence and enforcement arms of the organ-
16 ization. After giving thirteen years of my life to Mr. Hubbard,
17 when I left the organization I was declared "Fair Game." The
18 Fair Game doctrine states:

19 "Fair Game - May be deprived of property or
20 injured by any means by any Scientologist without
21 any discipline of the Scientologist. May be
22 tricked, sued, or lied to or destroyed."

23 Scientology spokesmen claim that "Fair Game" has been cancelled
24 as standard practice, but this is not true. It is one of the
25 basic doctrines underlying all the organization's actions,
26 attitudes and policies. Because of Mr. Hubbard's paranoia that I
27 might tell what I had uncovered about his past, I was declared
28 "Fair Game" in an effort to silence me. The organization dis-

1 seminated a story internationally accusing me falsely of theft,
2 forgery and of a connection to an LSD proponent, someone of whom
3 I have no knowledge whatsoever. This was pursuant to Mr.
4 Hubbard's policy of running a "Black propaganda campaign" against
5 anyone who leaves the organization. Mr. Hubbard, or Scientology
6 pursuant to his orders, also hired paid bullies to follow and
7 harass my wife and me day and night for over a month. These
8 people assaulted me and attempted to get me into a highway
9 "accident." I was hit bodily by a car driven by one of these
10 individuals and my life was threatened. All of these actions
11 against my wife and me were efforts to intimidate us and prevent
12 me from telling what I know about the fraudulent claims of L. Ron
13 Hubbard and about Scientology's tortious and criminal practices.

14 6. People who are on the staff of Scientology organ-
15 izations are very poorly paid while L. Ron Hubbard has extracted
16 millions of dollars illegally from the organization. Pursuant to
17 L. Ron Hubbard's orders individuals are kept impoverished so they
18 become completely dependent on the organization for their basic
19 needs on a daily basis. I left the organization after thirteen
20 years of dedication virtually penniless. This is the fate of
21 anyone who devotes his life to Scientology or who is raised in
22 Scientology. Sooner or later, when he learns that he has been
23 duped, he leaves, but by this time he has given years of his life
24 and is economically pauperized. At least eighty percent of the
25 people I knew while inside Scientology have left, and this was
26 the fate of each one. Money which should go to hard-working
27 staff members in Scientology is stolen by Mr. Hubbard and squan-
28 dered by his underlings on attacking critics and defending his

1 tortious and criminal activities. When I left in 1981 over
2 \$800,000.00 per month was being spent on legal fees, and a
3 similarly huge sum was being spent on paid investigators, or
4 bullies like those paid to harass and intimidate me.

5 7. One of the most pernicious practices in Scien-
6 tology is the illegal use by the organization of statements made
7 in confidence by a person undergoing counseling or "auditing."
8 During "auditing" a person communicates to an "auditor" his
9 innermost thoughts and relates incidents from his life which are
10 emotionally charged, embarrassing, or for which he could be
11 blackmailed. These statements are written down by the auditor
12 including time, place, form and a detailed description of each
13 incident as well as who was present or knew about the incident.
14 The person being "audited" is led to believe his statements are
15 made in confidence and will never go beyond the "auditor" or
16 "case supervisor." The truth is, all "auditing" files are
17 available to Scientology's intelligence and enforcement arms and
18 are used by these people to control and extort obedience from the
19 person who was "audited." The intelligence bureau of Scientology
20 maintains files on each person in the organization which include
21 information taken without the person's permission or knowledge
22 from his "confidential" auditing statements. If a person leaves
23 the organization his "auditing" files are taken by the intel-
24 ligence bureau and can be used against him to embarrass him,
25 pressure him into silence. "Auditing" files are not confidential
26 despite what the organization publicly claims. Information from
27 "auditing" files has been given to the press and is used in
28 covert operations against people Mr. Hubbard or the organization

1 hierarchy view as enemies or potential enemies. I have seen
2 hundreds of instances of the secret and illegal use of
3 "confidential" auditing information while involved with
4 Scientology.

5 8. People who have a great deal of knowledge about
6 the illegal and fraudulent activities of Scientology are often
7 unwilling to testify about these facts due to their fear of what
8 actions Hubbard or the organization will take against them. Many
9 people have expressed to me their fear of the organization since
10 they left it. My wife and I have had to withstand a massive
11 attack from Scientology designed to destroy us economically,
12 emotionally and physically. I know also of operations against
13 people viewed as enemies, including wire taps, burglaries,
14 entrapments, theft, the staging of "accidents," and phony setups
15 to get a critic imprisoned. One of Hubbard's policies is the use
16 of Courts, made possible because of the organization's wealth and
17 power, to destroy imagined enemies.

18 "The pupose of the suit is to harass and
19 discourage rather than to win.

20 "The law can be used very easily to harass, and
21 enough harassment on somebody who is simply on the
22 thin edge anyway, well knowing that he is not
23 authorized, will generally be sufficient to cause
24 his professional decease. If possible, of
25 course, ruin him utterly."

26 (Level "0" Checksheet by L. Ron Hubbard).

27 9. All Scientology organizations or "churches" in
28 every country are controlled completely by L. Ron Hubbard through

1 his "messengers" or agents. Organization spokesmen maintain that
2 the individual corporations are controlled independently pursuant
3 to written "policy," and that L. Ron Hubbard resigned as director
4 in 1966 and has not been actively involved in management since.
5 These statements are not true. Organization spokesmen are
6 instructed to maintain that Mr. Hubbard does not control the
7 organization in order to prevent his being held responsible for
8 the criminal activities in which the organization has been
9 involved. The fact is that the various corporations are mere
10 shells and have no actual authority or integrity. In a meeting
11 held in 1980, Charles Parselle, the former head of Scientology's
12 legal bureau, and an English solicitor stated:

13 "There's no need at all for them to be the
14 Board of Directors in order for them to run the
15 Church, but the authority of the Church has to lie
16 somewhere, and on some basis. And since the Church
17 has always chosen a corporate entity, eventually
18 the authority is going to have to vest with the
19 Board of Directors. The only reason it's worked
20 so long without that occurring is because
21 everyone has effectively been bound by the
22 authority of LRH [L. Ron Hubbard] and have
23 ignored corporate lines." (Emphasis supplied.)

24 "Now that, of course, goes directly contrary
25 to what you're doing which is to split LRH off
26 from the Church and to talk about the corporate
27 integrity of the different Churches. Unfor-
28 tunately, the Churches do not have any

1 corporate integrity. And our efforts to give them
2 corporate integrity have not hitherto been
3 successful."

4 The complete tape from which this excerpt was taken is under seal
5 in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

6 10. "Policy" in Scientology exists only as a public
7 relations facade which organization spokesmen use as "proof" that
8 the organization is not involved in or does not condone illegal
9 or tortious activities. The orders from L. Ron Hubbard and his
10 "messengers" or agents are senior to any stated "policy" and must
11 be obeyed. Messengers cross all organizational or corporate
12 channels in every organization internationally and are acting for
13 L. Ron Hubbard (the Commodore).

14 "The orders the Messenger issues may be those
15 directly from the Commodore or indirectly as a
16 result of the duty being performed by, or the area
17 of assigned responsibility of the Messenger, and
18 even when the idea of the Messenger.

19 "Thus it follows that a Messenger must have
20 some idea of what the Commodore would do and DO IT
21 in response to any statements or actions by the
22 person or persons receiving such a message or
23 order.

24 "A Messenger operating on his own operations
25 or judgments on duty and issuing orders on these
26 is still an emissary of the Commodore and such
27 opinions or judgments must not be defied and are
28 considered as above. (Emphasis added).

1 "A Messenger has never been disciplined or
2 even scolded for operating as above."

3 (Flag Order 3729, 15 September 1978, by L. RON
4 HUBBARD, COMMODORE).

5 11. One of the "policies" on which Scientology relies
6 to "prove" that the organization is not engaged in illegal
7 activities is "obey the laws of the country in which we (the
8 organization) are operating." Yet Mr. Hubbard has illegally
9 extracted millions of dollars from the "nonprofit churches" of
10 Scientology, he has fled from justice and pursuant to his orders
11 the organization has recently been involved in entrapment, wire
12 tapping, theft, assault and attempted murder.

13 12. The Scientology "policy," for public relations
14 purposes, is to keep marriages together. Scientology even claims
15 to be very successful in keeping marriages together. The fact
16 is, couples are often separated for long periods and are
17 regularly split apart on the orders of L. Ron Hubbard or his
18 messengers. I was twice separated from my former wife on L. Ron
19 Hubbard's direct orders for a total of 25 months. And finally his
20 messengers ordered my wife to divorce me. This was while I was
21 still completely dedicated to Mr. Hubbard.

22 13. Scientology "policy" holds honesty as an essential
23 and an ideal. The only place honesty is required, however, is
24 from individuals during "auditing" sessions so the information
25 can later be used to control the person. In reality, L. Ron
26 Hubbard lies continually about his past, credentials and inten-
27 tions, and the organization spokesmen lie about Scientology's
28 activities, "policies," and even by whom it is controlled.

1 Perjured testimony is standard practice and expected in Scien-
2 tology. People in Scientology's intelligence bureau are trained
3 in a process called "TR-L: Training Routine for Lying" which
4 drills Scientology spokesmen and operatives to lie convincingly.

5 14. The Scientology public relations stance regarding
6 children is that the organization provides an ethical environment
7 in which a child can grow into a decent and honest adult. The
8 truth is, parents are often separated from their children and the
9 children do not have normal familial opportunities available to
10 them. I have seen instances where parents of very small infants
11 were separated from them, on Hubbard's or his messengers' orders,
12 for many months. I know of several instances of criminal
13 behavior by children raised in a Scientology environment in
14 Europe and the United States. I also know of mistreatment of
15 children on Mr. Hubbard's order. One child twelve years of age
16 was locked in the chainlocker on board the Scientology ship
17 "Apollo" on Hubbard's order in 1974. Hubbard maintains a file on
18 this child in his personal archives, including a confession of
19 crimes extracted from the child, presumably for future use
20 against him if he should ever protest his incarceration.

21 15. The current organization of Scientology does not
22 seek, as it publicly claims:

23 "... a world without insanity; a world in which
24 honest beings have rights ..."

25 The real aim of L. Ron Hubbard and the small clique in control of
26 Scientology is the acquisition of ^{power} ~~money~~ and wealth, and the
27 destruction of anyone who threatens that goal. Scientologists
28 either participate in the organization's lies and illegal

1 activities, condone these actions, or are Hubbard's unwitting
2 pawns. Children raised in the Scientology environment have all
3 three conditions to look up to as examples, but only lies and
4 illegality as their ideal.

5 Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this
6 12th day of February, 1984.

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On February 12, 1984, before me, the undersigned, a
Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared GERALD
ARMSTRONG, personally known to me, to be the person whose name is
subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that
he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
Joalene M. Young